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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) PFOR

SUBJECT: LOS MESSAGES FOR FOREIGN MINISTERS

REF: SECTO 26013

1. BY NOW YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED COPY OF SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO FORMINS WHICH WE SENT AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 AS DIRECTED. LABOR DAY WEEKEND COMPLICATED CLEARANCE PROCESS. MAW OUT OF TOWN AND MORRIS (JCS) OUT OF COUNTRY. I WORKED WITH OXMAN, KATZ, BREWSTER, ESKIN AND FRENCH (ISA). LEARSON CONCURRED IN OUTCOME.

2. YOUR PROPOSED REVISED LANGUAGE RE COMMITTEE I (SEABEDS) WAS NO RPT NO PROBLEM. OXMAN MADE MINOR LANGUAGE CHANGE RE COMMITTEE III (SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH) WHICH MADE TEXT MORE CONSISTENT WITH OUR TABLED POSITIONS (WHICH ALREADY HAVE DOD CONCURRENCE).

3. LAST SENTENCE OF YOUR PROPOSED REVISED LANGUAGE RE COMMITTEE II (ECONOMIC ZONE) POSED PROBLEMS. OXMAN NOTED

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THE WORDING WOULD BE FINE WITH DEFENSE, BUT COULD--AND

WOULD--BE INTERPRETED BY KEY CAPITALS AS A MOVE BACKWARDS TO POSITIONS CHANGED TWO YEARS AGO AFTER INTERAGENCY REVIEW. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT NEGATIVE IMPACT IN MEXICO, SINCE WORDING WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS INCONSISTENT WITH SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH CASTENADA (WHO WAS PROMINENT ACTOR IN EVENTS LEADING TO PREVIOUSLY NOTED CHANGE IN US POSITION).

4. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WORKED OUT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WITH STU FRENCH WHICH PROTECTS OUR POSITIONS AND AVOIDS PROBLEMS DESCRIBED IN PARA 3. WE USED YOUR REVISED LANGUAGE EXCEPT FOR LAST SENTENCE WHICH WE REPLACED WITH SOMEWHAT MODIFIED FINAL SENTENCE IN OUR ORIGINAL DRAFT.

5. AS CONCERNS STATUS IN DELEGATION OF COMMITTEE II ISSUE, IN MAW'S ABSENCE OVER WEEKEND, I TOLD OXMAN ORALLY OF SECRETARY'S REQUIREMENT RE DOD CONCURRENCE. BERNIE IS MEETING WITH MAW TUESDAY MORNING, AND THEN MEETING IN WASHINGTON SAME DAY WITH ELLSWORTH, FRENCH AND MORRIS FOR DISCUSSION. ROBINSON

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